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For the Year Ended  
31st December, 1950.



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Public Health Staff

Medical Officer of Health ..

E.N. Dowell; M.R.C.S; L.R.C.P; D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector ..

G.J. Dicks; M.S.I.A; A.R.San.Inst;  
as Sanitary Inspector and Petroleum Inspector.  
(Whole Time).

This report is not a survey report and is compiled upon the lines laid down in Circular 112/50 (Wales) of the Welsh Board of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in Acres) ... ..	54,858
Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population, 1950 ...	6,070
Number of Inhabited Houses ...	1,828
Rateable Valuo ... ..	£16,102
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£63. 15. 4d.

The Social Conditions of the Area are typical of an Agricultural District and remain unchanged. Resident Population 1949 = 6,060

EXTRACTS FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS

		Total	Male	Female
<u>Live Births</u>	(Legitimate	108	51	57
	(Illegitimate	4	3	1
Live Birth-rate per 1,000 population			18.45	
Corresponding rate for England & Wales			15.8	
Corresponding rate for Monmouthshire			17.4	

		Total	Male	Female
<u>Still Births</u>	(Legitimate	1	0	1
	(Illegitimate	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still Births)			8.85	
Rate per 1,000 population			0.16	
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			0.37	
Corresponding rate for Monmouthshire			0.58	

	Total	Male	Female
<u>DEATHS</u>	72	37	35

Death-rate per 1,000 population	11.86
Corresponding rate for England & Wales	11.6
Corresponding rate for Monmouthshire	12.3

Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion 0

	Male	Female
Deaths of Infants under One Year (Legitimate)	1	1
(Illegitimate	0	0

Infant Mortality Rate	17.86
Monmouthshire Infant Mortality Rate was	39.8

Deaths from cancer	4	9
Deaths from Congenital Malformations	2	

Tuberculosis

During the year notification of 15 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and one of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were received. There were three deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

1950.

### ACCORDING TO AGE GROUP

Tuberculosis is not included in this summary.

AGES AT DEATH OF CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

Under 1 week ... Female 5 hrs.	1A. Tentorial Tear	
	B. Dystocia	1
1 - 2 weeks ... Male 1 week.	1A. Congenital Debility	-
	B. Hare lip and cleft palate	1
2 - 3 weeks		
3 - 4 weeks		
	Total Under one month	2
1 - 3 months		
3 - 6 months		
6 - 9 months		
1 - 12 months		
	Total under one year	2



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER There was no acute shortage of water in the year under review. Samples have been submitted periodically for bacteriological examination from the Council's piped supplies with generally satisfactory results.

Number of samples submitted for examination .....	35
Number of reports satisfactory .....	26
Number of reports unsatisfactory .....	9

Immediate action was taken to remedy the slight pollution when indicated in laboratory reports.

### Existing Supplies.

Raglan Parish. Number of houses supplied from public water main - 116 of which 10 houses carry from standpipes. Estimated population supplied is 652.

Trelleck Parish. Number of houses supplied from public water mains is - 194. Estimated population supplied 776.

Llagattock Parish. Number of houses supplied from public water main is 19. Estimated population supplied 57.

TRELLECK & DISTRICT. A much needed scheme for a piped water supply to this area and some surrounding districts is now active under consideration in accordance with Rural Water Supplies Act of 1944. The proposed source of supply at Ffynnon Gaer Springs has a high degree of purity and a minimum yield of 92,000 gallons per day.

### SKENFRITH.

The much needed improvement of supply which is subject to occasional pollution, is now being dealt with by the Consulting Engineer.

### DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

There were no extensions to existing Sewers during the year.

### RIVERS & STREAMS.

Pollution is slight in this area.

### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Excepting Raglan and Llandogo Wards closets are mainly on the Conservancy System. The area is not populous or closely built. Seven Conversions to water closets were effected during the year on private premises.

### PUBLIC CLEANING.

House Refuse is collected once weekly in Raglan and Monthly in remainder of District.

### BATHING BATHS & POOLS.

There are no public baths in this area. There are no privately owned baths open to the public.

### INFESTATION.

Premises are generally free from Verminous infestations.

SHOPS. No action was taken during the year under the Shops Act, 1934/50 relating to Ventilation, temperature and sanitary conveniences.

CAMPING SITES. Five sites were used for camping during the year: 2 licenses were issued for a camping site under section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.  
Estimated number of campers resident in the area at one time during 1950 ..... 250.

SCHOOLS. Routine inspections of schools have been regularly carried out. The majority of elementary schools in the area are situated in Villages without a piped water supply and with NO sewers.

## SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

### SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S VISITS AND NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR 1949.

#### GENERAL SANITATION

##### NATURE OF VISIT OR INSPECTION

##### TOTALS.

Water Supply .. .. .	310
Drainage .. .. .	433
Stables and Piggeries .. .. .	20
Fried Fish Shops .. .. .	8
Tents Vans and Sheds .. .. .	50
Factories .. .. .	70
Bakehouses .. .. .	54
Public Conveniences .. .. .	12
Refuse Collection and Refuse Disposal .. .. .	102
Rats and Mice .. .. .	40
Smoke observations .. .. .	0
Schools .. .. .	52
Shops .. .. .	78
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits .. .. .	324

#### HOUSING.

##### Under Public Health Acts.

Number of Houses Inspected .. .. .	44
Visits paid to above Houses .. .. .	50

##### Under Housing Acts.

Number of Houses Inspected .. .. .	54
Visits Paid to above Houses .. .. .	60

##### Overcrowding.

Number of Houses Inspected .. .. .	4
Visits paid to above Houses .. .. .	16

6 Houses were demolished during the year (2 by formal action under the Housing Act, 1936) and 4 voluntarily by owners of dangerous buildings.

Number of houses owned by local authority on the 31st December,

Traditional Houses

95

Number of local authority houses in course of erection on the 31st December,

12

Number of houses for which sanction had been given but which had not been commenced on the 31st December.

6

##### Total number of houses erected

	<u>during the year</u>	Traditional Houses
By Local Authority .. .. .	16	
By Private Enterprise .. .. .	6	



Total	..	...	..	..	22
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Number of houses under construction by Private Enterprise but not completed on 31.12.50.

Vermineous Premises.

Number of Houses Inspected	..	..	1
Visits paid to above Houses	..	..	2
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	..	..	104

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Inquiries in Cases of Infectious Diseases	17
Visits re Disinfection	17
Miscellaneous Infection Disease Visits	5

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS.

Inspection of Meat.

Visits to Slaughterhouses. Under the Livestock (Restriction of Slaughtering) Order, 1940, slaughter of Animals is centralised at Monmouth Slaughterhouse. The Rural and Borough Sanitary Inspectors co-operate in this connection.

Visits to Shops and Stalls	..	..	..	<u>TOTALS</u>
Visits to other Premises	..	..	..	98
Total Meat Inspection Visits	..	..	..	30
				128

222 lbs of beef was condemned as unfit for human consumption (decomposition and bone taint).

OTHER VISITS OF INSPECTION.

Grocers	..	..	..	48
Ice-cream Premises	..	..	..	16
Restaurants	..	..	..	45
Street Vendors and Hawker's Carts	..	..	..	60

Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 and 1948.

There are no premises registered in the area for Manufacture of Ice-cream.

5 premises are registered for the sale of pre-packed ice-cream.

VISITS IN CONNECTION WITH SAMPLING

Milk .. Bacteriological

25 Samples submitted for bacteriological examination of which 4 were of unsatisfactory standard.

Notices Served During the Year.

Number of Informal Notices Served	..	..	8
" " " " complied with	..	..	7
" of Statutory Notices Served	..	..	0
" " " " complied with	..	..	0

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

INSPECTIONS

Premises	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with Mechanical Power	30	Nil	Nil
Factories without Mechanical Power	40	Nil	Nil
Other Premises under the Act (including wks of Building & Engineering construction but not including outworkers premises).	0	Nil	Nil
	70	Nil	Nil

DEFECTS FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects Found			
	Found	Remedied	Referred H.M. Insp.	Prosecutions Instituted
Want of Cleanliness				
Overcrowding				
Unreasonable temperature	Nil	Nil		
Inadequate ventilation				
Ineffective drainage of floors				
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) insufficient				
(b) unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil		
(c) Not separate for sexes				
Other offences against The Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil		
TOTAL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

There is one Outworker.

E.N. DOWDALL,

Medical Officer of Health.